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EXPELS PROTEST LEADERS

FOLLOWING RECEIVED ACTION BANGKOK FROM CHIANG MAI JANUARY 11.

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PROTEST LEADERS

REF: CHIANG MAI 013

1. THE NORTHERN STUDENT CENTER (NSC) HAS APPARENTLY EXPELLED CHEERACHAI MARUKHAPITHAK AND PHONPHILAI LOETWICHA, LEADERS OF THE PROTESTS DURING CONFIDENTIAL

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AMBASSADOR KINTNER'S VISIT (REFTEL). THE NSC SAID THAT

THE FLAG-BURNING AND OTHER HOSTILE ACTS LED BY CHEERACHAI HAD BEEN TAKEN WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OR KNOWLEDGE OF THE NSC. YUTISAK EKAKRA, WHO BECAME ACTING NSC HEAD UNTIL NEW STUDENT ELECTIONS ARE HELD IN FEBRUARY, HAS SENT US AN APOLOGY FOR THE INCIDENT ALONG WITH AN EXPRESSED DESIRE FOR QUIET DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE NSC AND THE AMBASSADOR AT A LATER DATE. (SEE SEPTEL)

2. COMMENT: THE PROTESTS SEEM TO HAVE SPLINTERED THE STUDENT MOVEMENT HERE FOR THE TIME BEING. NEW GROUPS KEEP SPRINGING UP ON CAMPUS, WHILE POSTERS AND LEAFLETS CONDEMN THE FLAG-BURNING ALONG WITH THE ABUSIVE LANGUAGE AND POOR MANNERS OF THE RADICALS. HOWEVER, MANY OF THESE EXPRESSIONS OF REGRET FOR THE OUTRAGEOUS BEHAVIOR OF THEIR FELLOW STUDENTS ALSO INCLUDED THE DESIRE TO CONTINUE CRITICISM OF THE CIA.

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